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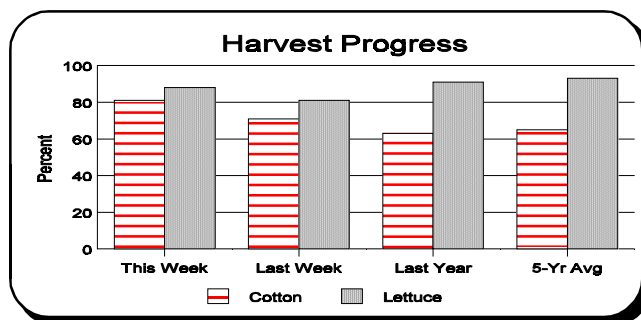
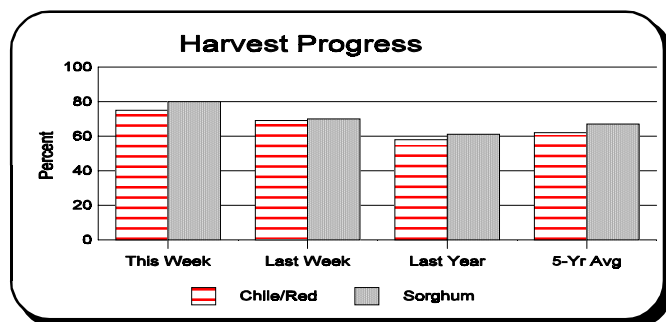
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 2001

(FINAL CROP PROGRESS & CONDITION REPORT FOR 2001)

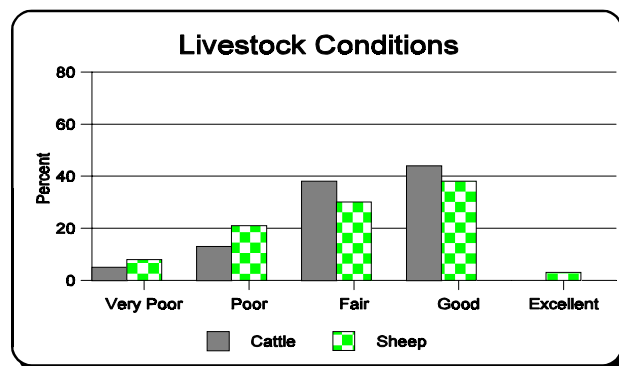
NEW MEXICO: There were 5.3 days suitable for field work. Freeze damage was reported at 12% light. Three days of light rain slowed harvest last week, with no complaint from the farmers. In the southern part of the state, pecans were starting to open, but harvest is not expected to start for another 2 to 3 weeks. The last cutting of alfalfa neared completion at 97% complete. Cotton continued to be harvested at 81% complete. Combining of sorghum was 80% complete. Wheat was in very poor to good condition. Red chile was 75% harvested. Lettuce harvest was 88% complete, but low prices caused some farmers not to harvest. Ranchers continued to ship a high volume of cattle and lambs to market. Pasture and range feed was reported at 18% very poor, 43% poor, 35% fair, and 4% good.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
SORGHUM (All)	Harvested	80	70	61	67
COTTON	Harvested	81	71	63	65
CHILE	Harvested-Red	75	69	58	62
LETTUCE	Harvested	88	81	91	93

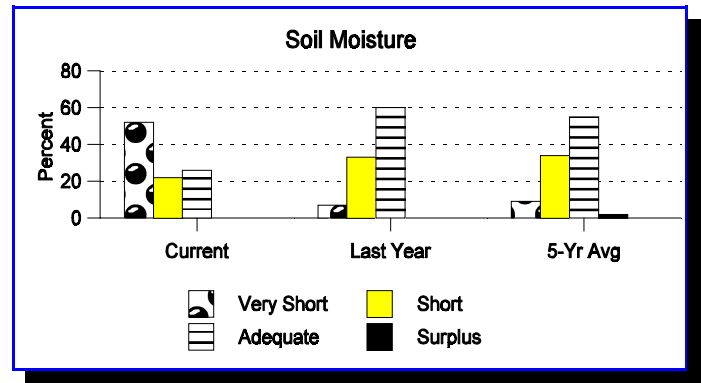


CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Chile	--	11	42	32	15
Onions	--	--	--	60	40
Pecans	--	--	24	41	35
Cattle	5	13	38	44	--
Sheep	8	21	30	38	3



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	71	25	4	--
Northeast	56	13	31	--
Southwest	40	12	48	--
Southeast	40	33	27	--
State	52	22	26	--
State-Last Year	7	33	60	--
State-5-Yr Avg.	9	34	55	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

A slow-moving storm brought much-needed rain to eastern New Mexico with some light snows at high elevations. Moriarty, Roy, Tucumcari and Clovis all measured over an inch of rain. Temperatures were still well above normal, with a statewide average between six and seven degrees above the norm.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS NOVEMBER 12-18, 2001

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	11/12 11/18	11/01 11/18	Normal Nov	01/01 11/18	Normal Jan-Nov
Carlsbad	58.0	76	45	0.71	0.80	0.59	7.25	12.38
Hobbs	59.6	79	43	0.03	0.03	0.77	7.39	16.16
Roswell	56.0	76	39	0.73	1.02	0.55	9.02	12.38
Clayton	51.6	71	40	0.67	0.73	0.52	10.73	14.80
Clovis	55.7	74	43	1.61	1.61	0.73	16.36	16.97
Roy	49.2	69	40	1.04	1.04	0.50	9.81	15.29
Tucumcari	56.0	76	45	1.11	1.11	0.51	14.73	13.90
Chama	43.1	61	24	0.04	0.22	1.72	17.15	19.81
Johnson Ranch	45.8	65	26	0.00	0.04	0.69	6.85	10.85
Capulin	44.2	67	23	0.30	0.30	0.67	11.66	16.94
Las Vegas	47.1	66	31	0.70	0.70	0.67	10.99	16.49
Los Alamos	46.1	60	34	T	0.04	1.02	13.78	17.64
Raton	45.2	66	27	0.62	0.63	0.61	13.91	16.22
Santa Fe	47.0	67	31	0.26	0.29	0.63	9.32	13.21
Red River	39.4	57	22	0.34	0.50	1.18	19.30	19.33
Farmington	48.5	67	29	0.00	0.06	0.94	6.57	8.12
Gallup	44.1	67	22	0.00	0.02	0.95	9.35	11.91
Grants	44.3	69	23	0.07	0.11	0.58	7.61	10.14
Silver City	49.4	70	30	0.00	0.00	0.70	9.94	14.72
Quemado	46.3	69	25	0.11	0.28	0.45	14.68	13.04
Albuquerque	52.0	68	41	0.50	0.50	0.43	6.08	8.38
Carrizozo	50.6	72	31	0.00	0.00	0.76	8.57	12.07
Gran Quivera	47.4	68	31	0.95	0.95	0.91	6.71	14.92
Moriarty	47.2	71	29	1.94	1.99	0.40	11.29	12.17
Ruidoso	43.0	66	27	0.57	0.77	0.88	18.06	19.72
Socorro	51.1	72	31	0.26	0.28	0.47	8.18	8.95
Alamogordo	57.4	79	39	0.10	0.10	0.71	7.07	11.92
Animas	55.8	80	35	0.00	0.00	0.71	8.69	10.62
Deming	54.9	77	37	T	0.11	0.64	6.72	9.73
T or C	53.5	74	37	0.13	0.13	0.60	9.40	9.22
Las Cruces	56.4	80	37	0.18	0.26	0.53	4.97	8.72

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Unseasonably warm weather has helped increase milk production for New Mexico to 478 million pounds during October, up 4.1 percent from last month, and up 8.4 percent from October 2000. The average number of milk cows for the state was 273,000, 3000 more than last month and 12,000 more than a year earlier. Milk production per cow averaged 1,750 pounds, up 19 pounds from last month, and up 60 pounds from a year ago. New Mexico ranked 4th nationally in production per cow and 7th in milk production.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled 11.8 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from October 2000. September revised production, at 11.4 billion pounds, was down 0.6 percent from September 2000. The September revision represented an increase of 0.1 percent or 15 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,526 pounds for October, 15 pounds above October 2000. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 95,000 head less than October 2000, and 1,000 head less than September 2001.

Milk Cows and Production: September 2001^{1/} and October 2000-2001

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	10/00	9/01	10/01	10/00	9/01	10/01	10/00	9/01	10/01
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	140	140	140	1,620	1,545	1,680	227	216	235
CA	1,545	1,601	1,605	1,735	1,690	1,755	2,681	2,706	2,817
FL	156	152	152	1,120	1,030	1,130	175	157	172
ID	356	369	369	1,760	1,770	1,810	627	653	668
IL	119	115	114	1,400	1,345	1,390	167	155	158
IN	148	154	154	1,345	1,320	1,390	199	203	214
IA	215	206	206	1,490	1,430	1,480	320	295	305
KY	131	127	126	1,040	975	1,030	136	124	130
MI	302	301	300	1,580	1,520	1,560	477	458	468
MN	530	505	505	1,435	1,350	1,400	761	682	707
MO	152	142	141	1,180	1,020	1,085	179	145	153
NM	261	270	273	1,690	1,700	1,750	441	459	478
NY	674	670	670	1,430	1,430	1,460	964	958	978
OH	264	257	256	1,360	1,370	1,375	359	352	352
PA	618	596	596	1,470	1,450	1,500	908	864	894
TX	345	319	317	1,275	1,115	1,235	440	356	391
VT	158	152	152	1,445	1,425	1,445	228	217	220
VA	119	118	118	1,285	1,235	1,290	153	146	152
WA	248	247	247	1,860	1,835	1,865	461	453	461
WI	1,336	1,282	1,281	1,430	1,395	1,430	1,910	1,788	1,832
20 STS	7,817	7,723	7,722	1,511	1,474	1,526	11,813	11,387	11,785

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR

There were 959,000 workers hired directly by farm operators. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$8.58 per hour during the October 2001 survey week, up 29 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.01 per hour, up 27 cents from last October. Livestock workers earned \$8.36 per hour compared with \$7.84 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate at \$8.08 was up 32 cents from last year. Number of hours worked averaged 41.5 hours per week for hired workers during the survey week compared with 41.2 hours a year ago.

Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, & Wage Rates-All Hired Workers, Selected Regions & U.S., October 2000-01

	Mountain II ^{2/}		Mountain III ^{3/}		Southern Plains ^{4/}		United States ^{5/}	
	Oct 8-14 2000	Oct 7-13 2001	Oct 8-14 2000	Oct 7-13 2001	Oct 8-14 2000	Oct 7-13 2001	Oct 8-14 2000	Oct 7-13 2001
	-----Thousands-----							
Workers on Farms								
All Hired Workers	24	21	21	17	61	68	952	959
	-----Hours Per Week-----							
Hours Worked								
All Hired Workers	40.9	4.35	43.6	46.6	37.3	40.0	41.2	41.5
	-----Dollars Per Hour-----							
Workers By Work Type								
Field	7.29	7.65	6.71	6.87	6.71	7.16	7.74	8.01
Livestock	7.71	8.09	7.73	8.13	7.30	7.97	7.84	8.36
Field & Livestock	7.44	7.78	6.96	7.25	6.95	7.52	7.76	8.08
All Workers	7.82	8.08	7.52	7.85	7.59	8.01	8.29	8.58

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. ^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK.

CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in New Mexico totaled 108,000 head on November 1, 2001. The inventory was 11,000 head above last month but 1,000 head less than a year ago. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 26,000 head, which was double the placements from the previous month but 1,000 below October, 2000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 14,000, up 3,000 head from last month and 1,000 head more than a year ago.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the US for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.99 million head on November 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.90 million. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.78 million, and other disappearance totaled 91,000 during October.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

	Number on Feed			Placed			Marketed			Other Disappearance ^{2/}		
	11/1/00	10/1/01	11/1/01	-----DURING-----								
				10/00	9/01	10/01	10/00	9/01	10/01	10/00	9/01	10/01
	-----1,000 Head-----											
AZ	292	298	301	42	33	35	21	27	31	1	1	1
CA	440	465	470	76	47	60	49	49	50	7	3	5
CO	1,250	1,060	1,170	290	260	305	205	205	190	5	5	5
ID	325	310	330	79	72	79	60	66	58	4	1	1
IA	380	310	340	99	66	75	57	65	44	2	1	1
KS	2,420	2,540	2,670	550	470	560	415	410	415	15	10	15
NE	2,380	1,950	2,200	660	450	590	370	315	330	10	5	10
NM	109	97	108	27	13	26	13	11	14	1	1	1
OK	410	390	395	88	68	80	74	71	72	4	2	3
SD	180	136	171	70	35	61	34	39	25	1	0	1
TX	3,030	2,990	3,080	670	480	680	530	465	570	10	15	20
WA	243	244	258	59	59	54	39	45	38	5	1	2
Oth Sts	405	335	370	119	83	87	48	52	49	1	1	3
US	11,864	11,125	11,863	2,829	2,136	2,692	1,915	1,820	1,886	66	46	68

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.